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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE SECOND SESSION OF THE SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Twenty-seventh Day's Session. SENATE CHAMBER, Wednesday, January 31, 1872.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Present—Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelo, Lynch, McMillen, Nolan, O'Hara, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Sworls, Sypher, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—31.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Reading of the minutes of the previous day's session was dispensed with. No corrections.

MESSAGES TO THE HOUSE. The Secretary presented to the House for its consideration Senate bill No. 285, to be entitled an act for the relief of V. A. Preville, etc.

And Senate joint resolution No. 4, in relation to the erection of a lighthouse at the mouth of Bayou Canine, etc.

And informed the House that the Senate had indefinitely postponed the consideration of House bill No. 299, authorizing J. A. Meredith and Achab E. Meredith, his wife, of the parish of Caldwell, to adopt and constitute Mary A. Humble their heir, etc.

Mr. Lynch, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably on Senate bill No. 296, to be entitled an act for the relief of the sufferers by the fire occurring in the city of Monroe, Louisiana, on the night of the thirtieth day of December, 1871.

Also, submitted the following resolution: Resolved, That his excellency the Governor be requested to submit to the General Assembly the various annual reports of the officers and corporations enumerated in section 157, Revised Statutes, for the information and guidance of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Blackman, the resolution was adopted. NOTICES OF BILLS. By Mr. Blackman: Of a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the election, registration and printing laws.

By Mr. Anderson: Of a bill to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1021 of the Digest of the Statutes of Louisiana.

By Mr. Hunsaker: Of a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Crescent City Rammie Planting and Manufacturing Company; to authorize the purchase by said company of certain lands belonging to the State for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of the ramie plant and manufacture of the fibre thereof, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. The following bills were introduced according to previous notice: By Mr. Ingraham: Senate bill No. 297, to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled "An act to establish a Metropolitan Police District, and to provide for the government thereof," approved September 14, 1868, and also to repeal all acts re-enacting and amending the same.

Passed its first reading. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Police.

By Mr. Ray: Senate bill No. 298, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Citizens' Savings Bank. Passed its first reading. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Anderson: Senate bill No. 299, to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas Lewis Holloway to Thomas Lewis Holloway Belden. Passed its first reading.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. The following bills were introduced, by unanimous consent: By Mr. Thompson: A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Peter H. Kemp & Sons to build a railroad from Springfield to Blood river, in Livingston parish.

Passed its first reading. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS. By Mr. Blackman: Resolved, That a special committee of three members of the Senate be appointed by the President of the Senate to investigate the situation of the Citizens' Bank toward the State in regard to the State bonds issued to said bank; to ascertain what amount of said bonds are outstanding, what security exists to secure their final payment with accruing interest, and whether the bank has complied with its obligations to the State in relation to said bonds; and further, to investigate the action of said bank in relation to the sale of \$250,000 of State bonds held by the bank as a pledge; whether said bank pursued the forms of law in relation thereto; and further, to ascertain whether said bank has faithfully discharged its duty as financial agent of the State. Also, that said committee be directed to inquire into the condition of the bonds issued to the Consolidated Association, to ascertain how many of such bonds are outstanding, what amount of interest is due and unpaid, what security exists for their payment, and whether the liquidators of said association have faithfully complied with their duty and the law in relation thereto; that said committee be authorized to send for persons, books and papers to enable them to perform the duties required of them by this resolution, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Blackman moved the previous question. Mr. Hunsaker raised the point of order, that he was entitled to the floor, as he occupied the floor when the resolution was last under consideration.

The President held the point of order not well taken. Mr. Blackman raised the point of order, that there being two motions before the Senate, a motion to adopt the resolution and one to refer, the previous question had reference to the motion to adopt.

The President held the point of order not well taken, as the motion for reference was made after the motion to adopt.

Mr. Campbell raised the point of order, that the previous question was the motion to commit.

The President decided the point well taken. Mr. McMillen appealed from the decision of the Chair, and yielded the floor to Senator Hunsaker.

Mr. Ray raised the point of order that, under rule ten, discussion was out of order. The Chair held the point of order by Senator Ray not well taken.

Mr. Coupland raised the point of order that the Senator from St. James should confine his remarks to the question of appeal.

The Chair held the point well taken, and requested the Senator from St. James to confine his remarks to the question.

Mr. Ingraham raised the point that the Chair was to decide all questions of order and on appeal without debate, and of the gentleman from St. James was out of order.

The Chair again called the Senator of St. James to confine his remarks to the question.

Messrs. Coupland and Sypher both respectively called the Senator from St. James to order.

Mr. Hunsaker claimed protection from the Chair against interruption, and finally yielded the floor.

Mr. Blackman called for the previous question on the appeal of Mr. McMillen, which call the President held in order.

Mr. McMillen appealed from the latter decision. On debate having arisen, the President stated that under rule ten all subsequent points of order were not debatable.

Mr. Hunsaker called for executive session, which call was being seconded by Mr. Harris, the Senate went into executive session.

Executive session having been raised, the order of the day was announced.

Mr. Blackman raised the point of order, that no rule established the time for the regular order of the day at one o'clock.

The President announced that he followed the invariable custom of the Senate in thus calling for the order of the day.

Mr. Blackman moved to postpone the order of the day one half hour.

Mr. Hunsaker moved to table the motion to postpone.

On a call of the yeas and nays, the motion was tabled by the following vote: Yeas—Barber, Butler, Campbell, Gallup, Harris, Hunsaker, Jenks, Kelo, Lynch, McMillen, Nolan, Ragan, Swords, Twitchell, Wilcox—15.

The bill was then adopted as amended, and considered engrossed for a third reading.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read its third and last time and finally adopted with its title.

Senate bill No. 294, to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact section two of an act called "An act to form a new parish, to be called the parish of Red River," approved March 2, 1871.

On motion of Mr. Twitchell, the bill was considered engrossed for a third reading.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read its third and last time and finally adopted with its title.

Senate bill No. 299, to be entitled an act for the relief of John Osborn, judge of the Ninth Judicial District of Louisiana, to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ray, the following additional section was adopted: Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That J. Osborn, when he receives from the Auditor of Public Accounts the warrants provided by this act, be required to execute a bond in favor of the State, with good security, to be approved by the said Auditor, that the said warrants will never be paid by the State, or in the event of their payment, that he and his securities shall refund the amount to the State.

The bill was read, the amendment adopted, and, on motion of Mr. Kelo, the bill considered engrossed for a third reading.

The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read its third and last time, and finally adopted with its title.

Senate bill No. 293, to be entitled an act to provide for the government of the city of Baton Rouge and the administration of the affairs thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ragan the bill was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By unanimous consent Mr. Hunsaker called up the following report and moved its adoption: To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

The joint committee on State debt would respectfully recommend that the work of ascertaining and classifying the State debt is one of great magnitude and of great importance, and in order that a thorough report of the subject should be placed before the country, they would ask your honorable body to allow them to employ an expert for the period of thirty days.

On the part of the House: OSCAR F. HUNSAKER, H. L. SWORDS, WILLIAM L. THOMPSON. On the part of the Senate: C. D. TATMAN, J. OPLATEK, W. B. BARRETT, MORTIMER CARR.

Adopted. Mr. Ragan moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate bill No. 279 was referred. Adopted, and the bill replaced upon calendar for second reading.

Mr. Ray moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday at 12 M. Adopted.

The President then announced that the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday, February 1, at 12 M.

CHARLES H. MERRITT, Secretary of the Senate.

lowing resolution was introduced by Mr. Floyd, of St. Helena, who moved its adoption: Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be authorized to deliver to the chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business all bills from last session.

Carried. Mr. Dewees, of De Soto, moved to have printed and laid on the desks of the members sections one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, thirty-six and thirty-seven of an act entitled "An act to provide for the revision and correction of the list of registered voters of the State, the appointment of the various officers necessary therefor, and to prescribe the duties, powers and compensation of the same; to prescribe certain duties for the sextons of the cemeteries of New Orleans; to prescribe the penalties for the violations of the law, and to provide for a new registration in certain parishes and wards," the repeal of which is contemplated by House bill No. 325.

Mr. Bryan, of Calcasieu, moved to lay that motion on the table.

Lost. Mr. Garstkamp, of Jefferson, moved to indefinitely postpone the motion to print sections one, two, three, etc., which motion Mr. Dewees, of De Soto, moved to lay on the table.

Upon the motion to lay on the table the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Bryan, of Calcasieu, and Lott, of Rapides, with the following result: Yeas—Abel, Adolph, Barrett, Bentley, Blunt, Bowen, Carr, Crawford, Darinsburg, Davis, Demas, Dewees, Deslonde, Gaddis, Gardner, William Harper, Johnson, Kenner, Kinella, Laurent, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, M. Murray, O. G. Overton, Quinn, Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Sartain, Smith, Tonnour, Verrett, Washington (Assumption), Washington (Concordia), Waters, E. Williams, H. Williams, Young—43.

Nays—Baker, Barker, Bickham, Bronsard, Bryan, Buckingham, Butler, Chachere, Cochran, Darby, Durso, Ellis, Fontelle, Garstkamp, P. Harper, Hyams, Killeen, La Saliniere, Lamblus, Marvin, Meadows, Moncre, Nelson, Oplatek, Pond, Stinson, Tatman, Thompson, Worrall, York—39.

Carried. Mr. Dewees, of De Soto, moved the previous question on the motion to print, etc. Main question ordered, and the motion to print was adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. The following memorial from Mr. F. Schumacher was received and read: To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

The memorial of F. Schumacher, a duly elected member of the House of Representatives from the Third District of the parish of Orleans, respectfully represents that he was expelled from the floor of the House during a time of great political excitement for alleged misconduct; that no opportunity was afforded him to explain or defend the course he had taken, which he believed was susceptible of an entirely different construction than that placed upon it by your honorable body. He therefore prays that he may be permitted to appear either before the House, or a proper committee thereof, there to be heard through himself and witnesses, that the House may be enlightened as to the true state of facts in his case, and take such further action in his premises as may seem to your honorable body both just and equitable.

Respectfully, F. SCHUMACHER.

Mr. Davidson, of Livingston, moved to refer the memorial to the Committee on Privileges, which motion Mr. Carr, of De Soto, moved to amend by returning the memorial to Mr. F. Schumacher without any action.

Mr. Davidson, of Livingston, moved the previous question on the amendment, on which motion a yeas and nays vote was demanded by Messrs. Sartain, of Carroll, and Blunt, of Natchitoches, with the following result: Yeas—Abel, Bentley, Blunt, Bowen, Carr, Darinsburg, Davis, Demas, Gardner, P. Harper, Mahoney, Quinn, Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Sartain, Smith, Tonnour, Verrett, Washington (Concordia), Young—26.

Nays—Speaker Brewster, Antoine, Anthon, Barker, Barrett, Barrow, Belot, Bickham, Broussard, Brown, Bryan, Buckingham, Butler, Chachere, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Darinsburg, Demas, Davis, Dewees, Deslonde, Durio, Ellis, Floyd, Fontelle, Gardner, Garstkamp, Gaddis, Gaudin, Johnson, Kenner, Killeen, Kinella, Laurent, La Saliniere, Lambert, Lamblus, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Mahoney, Marvin, Meadows, Moncre, Moore, Morphy, Murray, Nelson, O. G. Oplatek, Overton, Pond, Stinson, Tatman, Thompson, Tureaud, Verrett, Washington (Assumption), Washington (Concordia), E. Williams, H. Williams, Worrall, York—58.

The main question was not ordered. The Speaker, by consent, recorded his vote in the negative.

The motion to refer the memorial to the Committee on Privileges was then adopted, and the memorial was so referred.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. The Committee on Judiciary, through its chairman, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted: To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

The Committee on Judiciary reports that it has had under consideration Senate bill No. 126, entitled an act to amend and re-enact article 3169 of the Civil Code, and to amend the amendments, as follows: That after the word "credit" shall read, "credits, bonds or other movable property; also, after the words 'credit' shall read, 'provided that all existing pledges shall remain in force, and be subject to the provisions of this act.'"

Also, House bill No. 310, relative to life insurance companies. Report favorably, and recommending the passage of the same. Further reports favorably on House bills No. 247, No. 248, No. 249, No. 249, No. 333, No. 334 and No. 352, and passage of same recommended.

THOMAS GREEN DAVIDSON, Chairman. The bill referred to in the report of the Committee on Judiciary, was then considered as engrossed.

NOTICE OF BILLS. Notice was given that at some future time the following entitled bills would be introduced: By Mr. Waters, of Orleans: An act for the relief of the heirs of S. J. Bignette, late Minute Clerk of this House.

By Mr. Cochran, of Lafayette: A bill entitled an act for the relief of A. Volsin Martin, of Lafayette parish. By Mr. Ringgold, of Orleans: A bill to repeal an act entitled an act to repeal "An act locating a site for a State House."

By Mr. Moore, of St. Mary: House bill No. 356, an act to license the vending of lottery tickets in the State of Louisiana, and fixing a penalty against the sale of the same without a license; fixing a penalty against the purchasers of lottery tickets in certain cases, defining the duties of the State Auditor, judges of the district courts and State tax collectors, which was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule the bill was placed upon its second reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Matthews, of Texas: House bill No. 357, a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Waterproof, in the parish of Texas, which was read.

The constitutional rule being suspended, the bill was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Quinn, of Orleans: House bill No. 358, an act for the relief of John Purdon, which was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill was placed upon its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Morphy, of Orleans: House bill No. 352, an act entitled an act to incorporate the Progressive Literary Debating Society of New Orleans, which was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule the bill was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Fontelle, of Vermilion: House bill No. 360, an act to amend sections one and two of an act entitled "An act relative to the Supreme Court, and to regulate the terms thereof, the proceedings therein, appeals thereto, and processes against the sureties on appeal bonds," approved March 16, 1870, which was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule the bill was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bentley, of St. Mary: House bill No. 361, an act to authorize the police juries of the parishes of St. Mary and Terrebonne to issue parish bonds for the purpose of relieving their floating indebtedness, which was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule the bill was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. Fontelle, of Vermilion: House bill No. 362, a bill entitled an act to improve the navigation of the bayous Teche and Vermilion, and to incorporate the Attakapas Navigation Company, and to define their duties, privileges, powers and responsibilities, which was read.

The constitutional rule being suspended the bill underwent its second reading and was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Bentley, of St. Mary: House bill No. 363, an act to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association of New Orleans, and to exempt the property of the same from taxation, which was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill underwent its second reading, and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Fontelle, of Vermilion: House bill No. 364, an act to be entitled an act to change the boundaries of the parishes of Cameron, St. Landry, Calcasieu and Vermilion, to provide for the election of police jurors, the transfer of certain records, and the collection of certain taxes in said parishes, to fix the seat of justice of the parish of Cameron, and for other purposes, which was read.

By Mr. Bentley, of St. Mary: House bill No. 365, a joint resolution in regard to deepening the passes of Berwick's bay, and preserving a depth of eight feet therein, which was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule, the bill was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

By Mr. Fontelle, of Vermilion: House bill No. 366, an act to establish a police court in the town of Iberia, which was read.

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule the bill was read the second time, and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

THE SENATE YESTERDAY. Twenty-eighth Day's Session. SENATE CHAMBER, Thursday, February 1, 1872.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Present—Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, and Messrs. Anderson, Antoine, Barber, Blackman, Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Coupland, Daigle, Gallup, Harris, Herwig, Hunsaker, Ingraham, Jenks, Kelo, Lewis, Lynch, McMillen, Nolan, O'Hara, Ragan, Ray, Smith, Sworls, Sypher, Thompson, Todd, Twitchell, Wilcox—31.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Reading of the minutes of the previous day's session was dispensed with. No corrections.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, New Orleans, February 1, 1872. To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the following House bills, viz: House bill No. 284, to authorize parish of Red River to issue bonds.

House bill No. 286, an act to amend section seven of an act entitled "An act to provide a revenue for the support of the free public schools of the city of New Orleans."

House bill No. 304, to annex the northern part of Catahoula parish to the parish of Caldwell.

And to inform the Senate that the House has concurred in Senate concurrent resolution relative to the civil rights bill introduced by Hon. Charles Sumner. Respectfully, WILLIAM VIGERS, Chief Clerk.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE. The Secretary informed the House that the Senate had indefinitely postponed the consideration of House bill No. 300, authorizing Darius Hebert and Pauline Hebert, his wife, of the parish of Caldwell, to adopt Narcissus Gertrude Hebert, and constitute her their heir, etc.

And that the Senate had concurred in House bill No. 291, a joint resolution appointing a special committee of the House and Senate to prepare an address to the Congress of the United States upon the subject of the existing revolutionary crisis, etc.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS. By Mr. Thompson: Memorial of the Baton Rouge Board of Trade relative to Senate bill No. 300, to be entitled an act to authorize Peter H. Kemp & Sons to build a railroad from Springfield to Blood river, in Livingston parish.

Referred to Committee on Railroads. By Mr. Anderson: Petition of the Superior of St. Joseph. Referred to the Committee on Charitable Institutions.

By Mr. Campbell: Petition of Mrs. K. A. G. Patterson relative to lands. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Mr. Gallup, from the Committee on Railroads, reported favorably, with amendments, on Senate bill No. 300, to be entitled an act to authorize Peter H. Kemp & Sons to build a railroad from Springfield to Blood river, in Livingston parish.

Mr. Hunsaker, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on Senate bill No. 229, to be entitled an act to abolish capital punishment in the State of Louisiana.

Without action—On House bill No. 35, to be entitled an act for the relief of Braunstein & Bruder.

With request that it be printed—On Senate bill No. 285, to be entitled an act providing how subscriptions may be made by parishes, cities and municipal corporations to railroad, canal, plankroad, bridge or other incorporated company, for work of internal improvement, and providing such subscriptions may be paid for in bonds of the corporation subscribing, and authorizing a tax to pay such bonds and interest, and how such tax shall be levied and collected and disbursed, and providing for the ratification of such subscriptions, bonds and tax by a vote, and prescribing certain penalties for a failure to pay such bonds, and how the railroad or other company shall ratify the subscriptions, and providing what shall be used as evidence in certain cases.

Ordered printed. Also an original bill, Senate bill No. 310, to be entitled an act establishing the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Judicial Districts, and providing the time of holding the courts in said districts and parishes, and the time for which the judges and district attorneys in said districts shall hold their offices.

Mr. McMillen, from the Committee on Election and Registration, reported a substitute for Senate bill No. 272, to be entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections one, three, four, eleven, thirteen, fifteen, sixteen, nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-six, twenty-nine, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-eight and forty-two of an act entitled "An act to provide for the revision and correction of the list of registered voters of the State, the appointment of the various officers necessary therefor, and to prescribe the duties, powers and compensation of the same; to prescribe certain duties for the sextons of the cemeteries of New Orleans; to prescribe the penalties for the violation of the law, and to provide for a new registration in certain parishes and wards," approved March 16, 1870, and to repeal sections seventeen and forty-one of said above entitled act.

Ordered printed, and made the special order for Monday, February 5, at one o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Blackman, the minority report of the committee was also ordered printed, when presented.

of the late Lieutenant Governor Oscar J. Dunn, the balance of salary that would have been due him had he lived to the end of his term of service.

Passed its first reading. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put upon its second reading, and was considered engrossed.

The constitutional rule was further suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read its third and last time, and finally adopted with its title.

By Mr. Thompson: Senate bill No. 305, to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the National Transportation Company, authorizing the sale of certain lands of this State, and of incorporated cities or towns therein, to said company, and the use by said company of certain public property; authorizing the mayors and common councils of incorporated cities and towns to consent to such use of public lands, and to encourage immigration to this State.

Passed its first reading. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Corporations and Parochial Affairs.

By Mr. O'Hara: Senate joint resolution No. 21, to be entitled joint resolution amending the constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Passed its first reading. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following bills were introduced according to previous notice: By Mr. Blackman: Senate bill No. 306, to be entitled an act to repeal the election, registration and printing laws.

Passed its first reading. The Senate refused to suspend the constitutional rule and put the bill on its second reading by the following vote: Yeas—Antoine, Blackman, Bowman, Coupland, Daigle, Herwig, Ingraham, Kelo, Lewis, O'Hara, Ray, Smith, Sypher, Thompson, Wilcox—13.

Nays—Anderson, Barber, Butler, Campbell, Gallup, Harris, Hunsaker, Jenks, Lynch, McMillen, Nolan, Ragan, Swords, Twitchell—14.

By Mr. Hunsaker: Senate bill No. 307, to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Crescent City Rammie Planting and Manufacturing Company; to authorize the purchase by said company of certain lands belonging to the State for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of the ramie plant and manufacture of the fibre thereof, and for other purposes.

Passed its first reading. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

By Mr. Kelo: Senate bill No. 308, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Stonehall Hook and Ladder Company of Alexandria.

Passed its first reading. The constitutional rule was then suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill put on its second reading, and considered engrossed.

The constitutional rule was further suspended by a four-fifths affirmative vote, the bill read its third and last time, and finally adopted with its title.

RESOLUTIONS. By Mr. O'Hara: WHEREAS, It is a notorious and historical fact that the Baratara and Lafourche Canal Company and the Lafourche and Terrebonne Navigation Company have, by misuse, abuse and neglect, forfeited their charters to the State, and notwithstanding two previous Legislatures have authorized the Attorney General to sue for the forfeiture of said charters to the State without avail, the Attorney General not having taken any action in the matter; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That there shall be appointed a joint committee of three members from the House, by the Speaker, and two from the Senate, to investigate the affairs of said companies, and report to this honorable body without delay as to the alleged abuse by said companies of their charters, and misapplication of the public moneys granted for their use; that the Attorney General be authorized and instructed to take immediate action in the matter, on the report of this committee, and that this committee be empowered to appoint such expert lawyer to assist the Attorney General.

Laid over. By Mr. Nolan: Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads and Internal Improvements be instructed to investigate into and report the condition of sale by which the State of Louisiana transferred its interest in the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern railroad to H. S. McComb and others, and to report if the conditions of sale have been fully complied with; said committee to have full power to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths.

Laid over. The President submitted the following for the action of the Senate: DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS, New Orleans, January 31, 1872.

This is to certify that the water rent and interest on the Charles' Institute for the fiscal year ending October 1, 1872 amount to \$100. L. E. COUVERTE, Assessor and Collector City Waterworks.

Referred to committee on auditing and supervising accounts of General Assembly. Mr. Todd called up House bill No. 292, joint resolution relative to the suspension from office of N. A. Robinson, of the Ninth Judicial District Court, by executive order, and moved its reference to a special committee.